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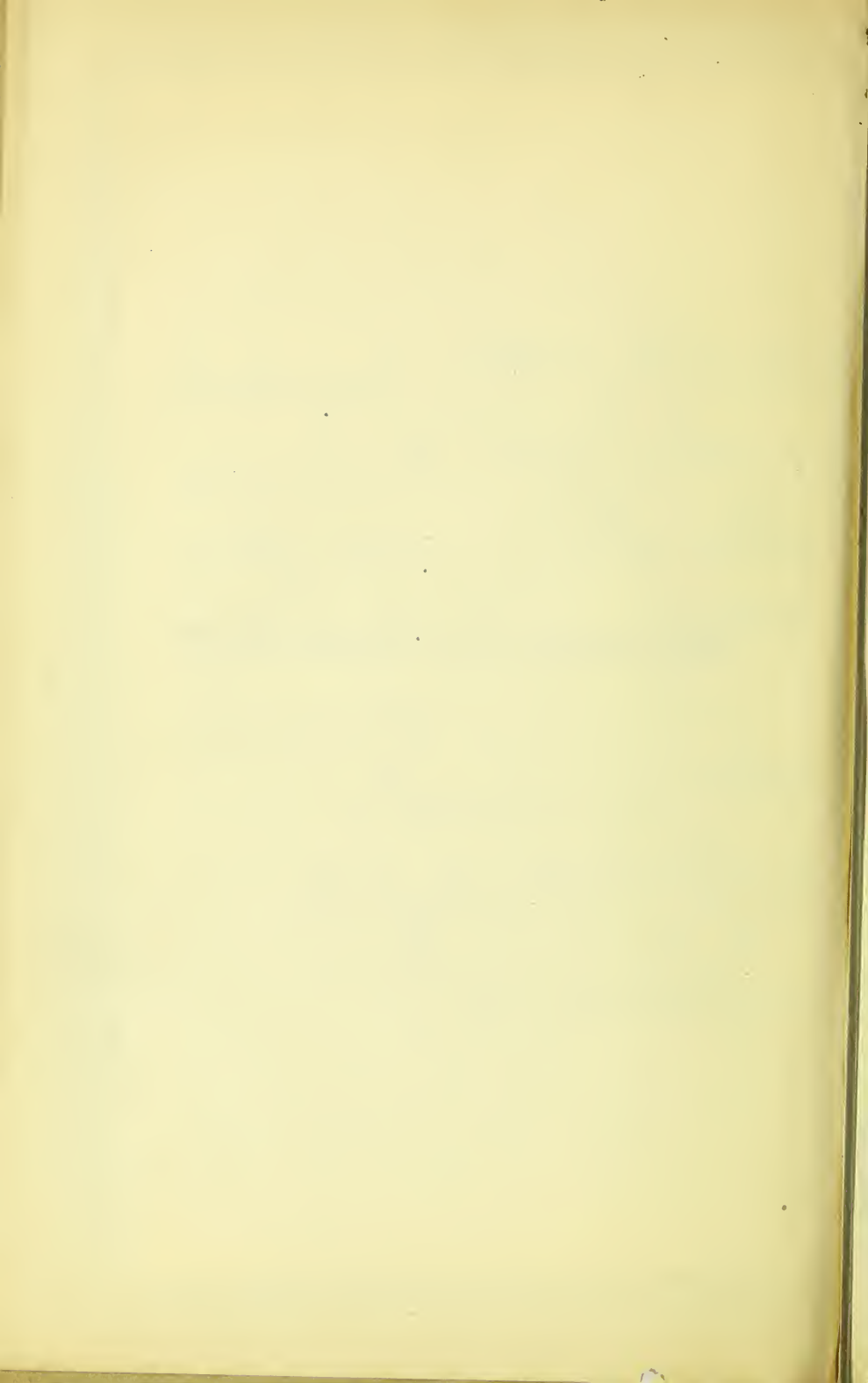
My dear Sir

Be pleased to accept  
the enclosed, which you  
I think, you may  
like to place in the  
beautiful copy of  
Sir Thomas Browne's  
works - What the

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I wish my present  
letter me, the has  
placed in your  
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Believe me  
very faithfully yours  
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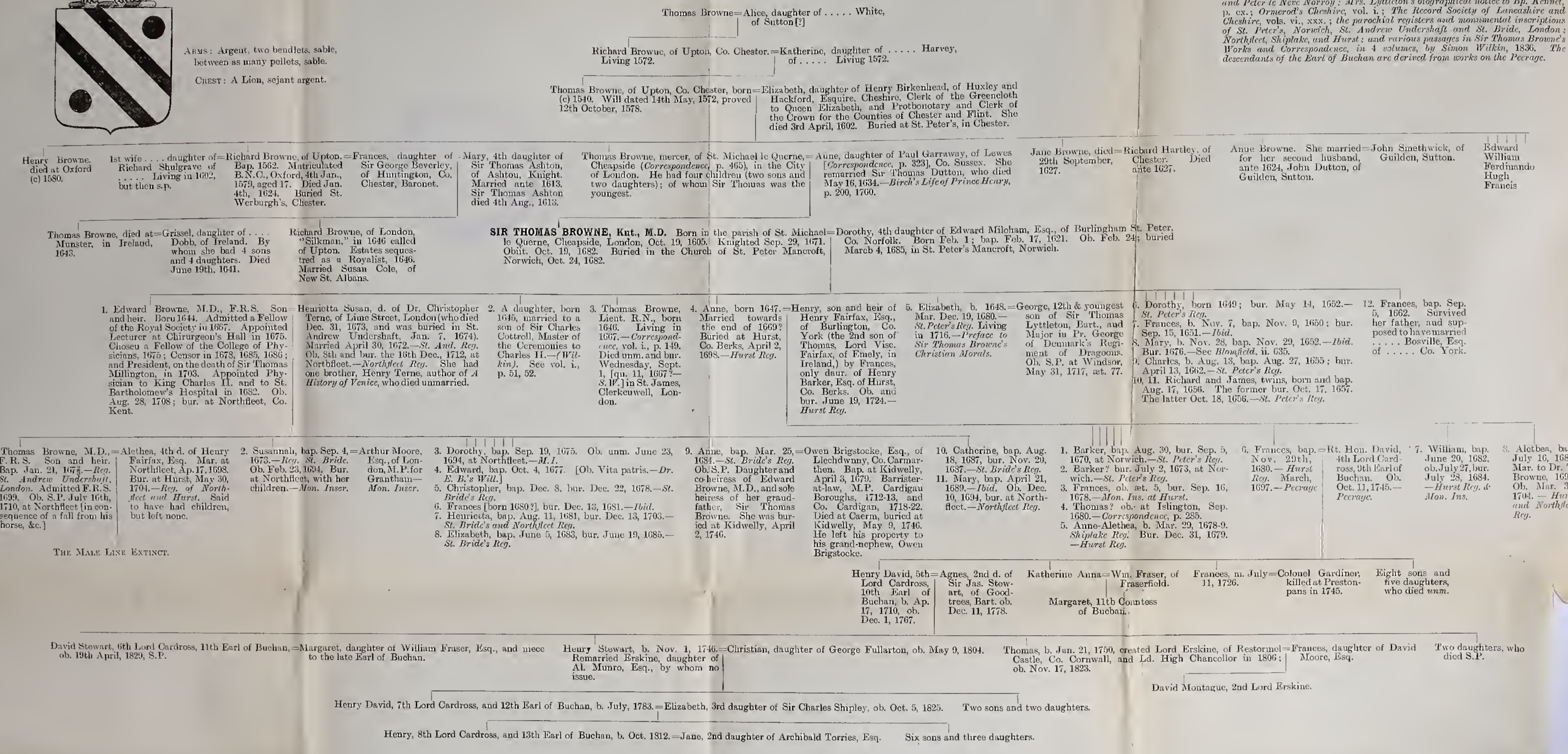
DRAWN UP BY SIMON WILKIN, 1836, WITH ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS BY CHARLES WILLIAMS, 1902.\*



ARMS: Argent, two bendlets, sable, between as many pellets, sable.

CREST: A Lion, sejant argent.

\* The principal authorities are these:—The pedigrees by Sir Thomas Browne and Peter le Neve Narroy; Mrs. Lyttleton's biographical notice to Bp. Kennet, p. cx.; Ormerod's Cheshire, vol. i.; The Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, vols. vi., xxx.; the parochial registers and monumental inscriptions of St. Peter's, Norwich, St. Andrew Undershaft and St. Bride, London; Northfleet, Sliplake, and Hurst; and various passages in Sir Thomas Browne's Works and Correspondence, in 4 volumes, by Simon Wilkin, 1836. The descendants of the Earl of Buchan are derived from works on the Peerage.





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THE ancestors of Sir Thomas Browne, for many generations, resided at Upton in Cheshire. They were evidently people of some importance, and intermarried with families of position in that neighbourhood; they were also entitled to bear arms. The maternal grandmother of Sir Thomas came of a celebrated Cheshire family, being the daughter of Henry Birkenhead of Huxley and Hackford, in that county. He served the office of Clerk of the Green Cloth to Queen Elizabeth—an office still in existence—and was also Clerk of the Crown for the counties of Chester and Flint; and Sir Thomas Browne's father was very nearly related to the Countess of Devonshire. This evidence is sufficient to prove what the position of the Browne family was before the birth of Sir Thomas. The pedigree will shew what the position of its various members was after that event.

Sir Thomas Browne's eldest daughter married Charles Lodovicke, a son of Sir Charles Cottrell of Wilsford, Lincolnshire, Master of the Ceremonies to Chas. II., to whom the king gave "a piece of ground" in St. James' Park, on which Sir Charles built a "handsome house"; another daughter married the grandson of Lord Viscount Fairfax of Emley, co. Tipperary—this title became extinct in 1772; another, a son of Sir Thomas Lyttleton, Bart.; a granddaughter married Arthur Moore, M.P. for Grantham; another granddaughter married Owen Brigstocke, Esq., of Llechdwnny, Caermarthenshire; another

married the seventh Earl of Buchan; and another, the celebrated Colonel Gardiner, who was killed at Prestonpans—a battle in which Prince Charles Edward was victorious; and then a great granddaughter of Sir Thomas Browne was married to Lord Erskine, the Lord Chancellor of England. At the present time the representatives of Sir Thomas—the male line having become extinct in the death of his grandson Thomas, in 1710—are the Earl of Buchan and Lord Erskine.

The evidence, as given in the accompanying pedigree, is conclusive that Sir Thomas Browne was the son of a Thomas Browne of Upton, and afterwards of London. This Thomas Browne was, in his turn, a son of another Thomas Browne of Upton, who died before 1578, in which year his will was proved (*Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire*, vol. xxx. p. 195), and who was, in his turn, son of Richard Browne of Upton.

Some portion of this information is embodied in a very short pedigree of his family, drawn up by Sir Thomas himself on the occasion of the Herald's Visitation of the County of Norfolk, made in the year 1664 by Sir Edward Bysshe, Knt., Clarenceux King of Arms, by virtue of a commission from Chas. II., dated July 7th, 1663. This pedigree was signed by Sir Thomas Browne, and deposited in the College of Arms, where it still remains.

The document contains numerous errors, a strange circumstance on the part of a man so accurate as Sir Thomas Browne was in all his work. He entirely omitted the name of his grandfather Thomas, and placed that of his great grandfather, Richard, in his stead. The name of his second son, Thomas, stands before that of his eldest son, Edward, who was twenty years of age in 1664, and not twenty-one, as stated by the learned knight. The name of his eldest daughter is omitted, and the name of the town in Sussex in which his mother was born is

left blank. The pedigree was, in all probability, hastily drawn up by Sir Thomas; and with no intention to be so inaccurate: it was no doubt intended by him as a means of verifying the fact of his being entitled to bear arms, and so satisfy the herald on that point.

Sir Thomas Browne had forty children and grandchildren, yet within twenty-eight years of his decease the male line had become extinct; and of the third generation, none survived their infancy, excepting in the family of his second daughter, Anne, of whose eight children none left any descendants, except the third daughter, Frances Fairfax, who had married the Earl of Buchan, whose daughter, Lady Frances Erskine, married Colonel Gardiner, whose grandson was Lord Chancellor Erskine, and from whom are lineally descended the present Earl of Buchan, and the present Lord Erskine of Restormel Castle, Cornwall.

The mother of Sir Thomas Browne was Anne, daughter of Powle Garraway of Lewes. She was married to Thomas Browne, mercer, of the parish of St. Michaelle-Querne, Cheapside, before 1605, in which year Sir Thomas was born. He was the youngest of four children—two sons and two daughters.

After the death of her husband, Anne Browne married Sir Thomas Dutton of Gloucester and Isleworth, Middlesex. He held some official appointment in Ireland, and with him, in 1629, Sir Thomas Browne made a tour in that country. The *Biographia Britannica* says that Sir Thomas Dutton "enjoyed an honourable post in the Government of Ireland," but what the post was is not stated. Dr. Birch, in the *Life of Prince Henry*, 1760, informs us that soon after the surrender of Juliers, in 1610, a Sir Hatton Cheke was killed in a duel on Calais sands by Sir Thomas Dutton, the same individual here spoken of.

“Sir Thomas Dutton and the Lady Anne had a daughter Elizabeth baptized April 15th, 1622, and who was buried August 15th, 1623; and a second daughter, Lucy, baptized Nov. 2nd, 1623. Sir Thomas Dutton died, and was buried at Isleworth, May 19th, 1634. He was descended from the Duttons of Dutton in Cheshire”—Lyson’s *Environs of London*, vol. iii. At what date Lady Dutton died, and where buried, are unknown.

It is singular that Sir Thomas Browne, in his voluminous domestic correspondence, makes only one allusion to his mother, and none whatever to his nine uncles and aunts, or his brother and sisters. In a letter to his son Edward, dated Jan. 9th, 1681-2, he says, “I remember, when I was very yong and I think butt in coates, my mother carryed me to my grandfather Garawaye’s howse in Lewys.”

The following extract is taken from a pedigree of Garraway of London, compiled by R. Garraway Rice, Esq., F.S.A., Barrister-at-Law, to whom I am much indebted for his kindness in sending it to me:—

Powle Garraway of Acton, co. Middlesex, but finally of Tingrith, co. Bedford, Esq., bapt. at Acton, 20 Feb. 1552-3, as “Powle, son of John Garaway”; bur. at St. Martin’s in the Fields, Middlesex, 24 Jan. 1619-20, as Pöll Garaway of Tingriffe, co. Beds, Esq.; admon. of the goods, &c., of Powle Garraway, late of Tingrith, co. Beds, was granted in P.C.C. 23 Feb. 1619-20, to Philip Garraway, son of said deceased. Margaret relict renouncing.	= Alice, dan. of . . . . . Page and relict of Geo. Brittridge of London and of Iver, co. Buckingham, marr. at St. Peter le Poor, London, 27 May, 1582. as “Powle Garraway and Alice Brittridge”; living 10 Nov. 1607, as appears from the will of her husband’s uncle, Barthol. Garraway of Beddingham, co. Sussex. (Edw. Brittridge of Iver, co. Bucks, gent. in his will, dated 23 Jan. 1604-5, pr. in P.C.C. 5 Feb. 1604-5. Hayes, fo. 16, mentions my two half-brothers, Phillip Garway and John Garway)	= Margaret, dau of Sir Walter Waller of Groombridge, co. Sussex, knt. [son of William Waller of Groombridge, Esq.] by Ann his wife, dau. of Philip Choute, Esq.; she was widow of Edmund Brydman (see <i>Harl. Soc.</i> vol. xix p. 163), marr. at Tingrith, co. Bedford, 1611, Aug. 24, “Powl Garway, Esquire, and Mrs. Margaret Briddiman.” She survived her 2nd husband, and renounced admon. of his goods, 23 Feb. 1619-20.
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Philip Garraway of Acton co. Middlesex, Esq., living 23 Jan. 1604-5, and 10 Nov. 1607, had grant of admon. of his father's goods, 23 Feb. 1619-20. In his will, dat. 3 Jan. 1624-5, pr. in P.C.C. 11 Apl. 1625 (38 Clarke), he is described as Philip Garway of Acton, co. Middlesex, and "being now bounde one a voiage beyond the seas." It appears from the Probate Act book that he died abroad, and a bachelor.

John Garraway of Denham, co. Bucks, Esq., living 10 Nov. 1607, (Barthol. Garraway's will), and 23 Jan. 1604-5. His will, dat. 19 June, 1661, pr. in P.C.C. 24 Feb. 1662-3 (13 Juxon), of Denham, co. Bucks.

Anne, dau. of . . . . . living 19 June, 1661, and 29 March, 1666, on which date she had grant of admon. of the goods of her son, Hen. Garraway, living 31 May, 1671, and described in the will of that date of her son, Edward Garraway, as of Windsor, co. Berks. widow.

Thomas Browne of London, a mercer in Cheapside, son of Tho. Browne of Upton, co. Chester, died before 23 Feb. 1623.

Anne Garraway, living 23 Feb. 1622-3, and then marr. to Sir Tho. Dutton, living 21 Nov. 1623 (*see* parish reg. of Isleworth, bapt. and Lyson's *Environs*), marr. before 23 Jan. 1604-5, for Edward Britridge, in his will of that date, mentions "my two half-sisters, viz., to my sister Broket and to my sister Browne."

Sir Thomas Browne, Dr. of Physic, who was knighted at Norwich, 29 Sept. 1671 (*see* *Le Neve's Knights*, Harl. Soc., p. 267).

*(had children)*  
*to Sir Thomas*  
*1622-3*

Sir Thomas Dutton of Gloucester and Isleworth, co. Middlesex, knt. son of John Dutton of Isleworth (son of Foulk Dutton of the City of Chester, who died 11 April, 1566), by Catherine his wife, dau. of . . . . . Rowley, and who remarr. Raffe Wright of London, merchant, bur. at Isleworth, 19 May, 1634, as "Sir Thomas Dutton." For Pedigree of Dutton family, *see* Visitation of Middlesex, Harl. MS., Brit. Mus., 1551, fos. 71, 72.

Mary Garraway = John Brockett of Wheatstead, co. Hertford, Esq. marr. before 3 Jan. 1624-5, and before 23 Jan. 1604-5, for Edward Britridge, in his will of that date, mentions "my two half-sisters, viz., to my sister Broket and to my sister Browne."

